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Honorable Xavier Rodriguez
United States District Judge
Western District of Texas
655 E. Cesar E. Chavez Blvd.,
San Antonio, Texas 78206

Re: United States v. Guadalupe Orta Ramos, Cause No. 5:11-CR-836-XR
Advisory to the Court regarding Mr. Ramos' Condition

Dear Judge Rodriguez:

On April 21, 2020, Mr. Ramos requested this Court for compassionate release based on his underlying serious medical conditions and the COVID-19 outbreaks in Bureau of Prisons facilities. On April 24, 2020, Mr. Ramos filed an emergency supplemental motion for compassionate release because he tested positive for COVID-19. On April 26, 2020, counsel filed a second supplemental motion requesting compassionate release based on Mr. Ramos being taken to the hospital, possibly on a ventilator.

Today, defense counsel files this advisory to update the Court: Mr. Ramos coded last night and was resuscitated for eight minutes. Mr. Ramos is now in a medically induced coma on a ventilator. The BOP social worker who contacted the family advised the family would have to make a decision about keeping him on life support if he does not improve in 24 hours.

Defense counsel again asks this Court to immediately resentence him to time-served so he can be released from the Bureau of Prisons custody. A sentence of time-served will allow the family to pay their respects. Otherwise, the family has little ability to obtain information about Mr. Ramos and his condition.

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Very truly yours,

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